



Oversight

The American Fisheries Society has overall program management responsibility. The Executive Director provides an annual report on the program to the Governing Board of the American Fisheries Society. A special oversight committee appointed by the AFS President is currently reviewing operations of the Hutton Program.

Partners

The following organizations have provided support for the Hutton Program:

- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- District of Columbia Government/Fisheries
- Environmental Careers Organization
- Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium
- National Association of Biology Teachers
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- NOAA Fisheries
- Progress Energy
- USDA Forest Service
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

For more information

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The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program



An innovative summer mentoring program for high school students



The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior high school students regardless of race, creed, or gender. Because the program seeks to increase diversity within the fisheries professions, preference will be given to qualified women and minority applicants.

Students accepted into the program are matched with professional mentors and enjoy a hands-on fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting. Assignments are made with participating organizations within reasonable commuting distance from the students. During the summer, students work alongside their mentors, collecting samples and assisting with analyzing data.

A scholarship is provided to students accepted into the program.

"The Hutton Program has given me confidence and inspired me to make a difference. I know that this experience will have an impact on my future."

Marie Pengilly, Idaho



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Students

Who Can Apply

Students are eligible for the summers after tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. Applicants should have an interest in the biological sciences and should maintain a satisfactory grade point average in mathematics, English, sciences, and social sciences.

Length of Assignment

Each assignment normally begins in May or June after the school year ends and lasts for 8 weeks. Students who successfully complete the program may reapply to have their scholarship renewed for the following summers, including the summer after graduation from high school. Renewals will be considered only for students who submitted their final reports, received a favorable recommendation from their previous mentors under this program, and maintained the scholastic requirements.

Reporting Requirements

Students are required to provide written reports to the American Fisheries Society at mid-summer and at the close of the program.

Scholarship

The Hutton scholarship is \$3,000. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the work site; however, travel expenses associated with fieldwork are borne by the mentor's organization.



How To Apply

Applications for the program can be found under the Hutton Program navigational bar on the AFS website at www.fisheries.org. Submit a complete Application Package by **February 15th** to the American Fisheries Society, Attention: Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, MD 20814-2199.

Contents of the Application Package:

- Student application form;
- Student statement of interest in the program;
- Letter of recommendation from the student's science or English teacher;
- Letter of recommendation from a previous employer or respected member of community;
- Official copy of the student's transcript of grades.

Selection

Selection is made competitively from applications submitted to the American Fisheries Society. Selection criteria include: academic ability, recommendations, and communication skills. As the principal goal of the program is to increase diversity within the fisheries field, preference will be given to qualified women and minority applicants.

A selection panel evaluates each candidate using the above criteria. This panel is composed of AFS members, including the Presidents of the AFS Equal Opportunities and Education Sections, and representatives of organizations co-sponsoring or providing financial support to the program.



Mentors

Participating Organizations/Hosts

The program is open to mentors located at municipal, state, federal, provincial, university, private, and non-governmental facilities in all states, commonwealths, and territories of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Mentor applicants must submit an application, including a current resumé or CV and a one-page description of the type of assignment the student is expected to undertake with the host organization. Applications are available on the AFS website at www.fisheries.org.

Reporting Requirements

Mentors are required to provide a written report to the American Fisheries Society at the close of the summer season. The report includes a description of the student's activities and accomplishments, an evaluation of the student's performance, and a statement concerning the student's future participation.

"The experience was a very practical and hands-on look at what the field of fisheries science is like, and what kind of careers a degree in fisheries can lead to. I would definitely recommend this program."

Maribel Bailey, Rhode Island